(3) the total expenditurei ncurred for this purpose inclusive of the wages of the weeding coolies, and the average cost of a tree, to the end of 1113?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(1) Planting was first started in Mithunam 1099.

(2) 1,450 trees.

(3) There is no record to show road-war expenditure. There is also no weeding cooly for each road. There are only 2 coolies for the whole Taluk.

The cost of planting a tree would come to roughly 6 annas in the 1st year including caging, manure, etc. For renewing, fencing and for other items of expenditure for 4 more years, the average cost per plant may come to 0—4—6 per year. The total cost of a plant for five years will be thus Rs. 1—8—0.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): May I know, Sir, who is the immediate superior of the avenue maistry?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I want notice. Most probably the Agricultural Inspector. But I am subject to correction. I shall furnish the information.

GUN LICENSES—ISSUE OF.

98. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many gun licenses are issued each year for the last three years in the State;

(2) what are the nature of the guns that are licensed (M. L., D. B., Pistol, Revolver, etc.);

(3) what is the income to the State by issuing the licenses;

(4) what is the occupation of the people in the majority of cases who hold these fire-arms;

(5) what is the object for which they keep these arms;

(6) what are the fees for the several kinds of arms;

(7) had there been any case of misfeasance or malfeasance by the holders of these licenses for the last two years?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) The number of gun licenses issued during the last three years is 3,031 in 1111; 2,996 in 1112 and 2,985 in 1113.

(2) The nature of guns for which licenses were issued for the last three years is as follows:—

In 1111,	Breach-loading guns	152
	Revolvers or pistols	28 and
	Muzzle-loading guns	2,851

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In 1112,	Breach-loading guns	128
	Revolvers or pistols	23 and
	Muzzle-loading guns	2,845
In 1113,	Breach-loading guns	130
	Revolvers or pistols	23 and
	Muzzle-loaders	2,832

(3) Rs. 2,437—8—0 in 1111,
2,191—0—0 in 1112, and
2,268—0—0 in 1113.

(4) The occupation of the majority of the licensees is agriculture.

(5) The object of keeping these arms is for self-protection and safety of crops in a majority of cases and for sport in a few cases.

(6) The fees for licenses for the possession of breach-loading pistols and revolvers is Rs. 10 for any other breach-loading weapon Rs. 5 and for muzzle-loading guns 8 annas.

(*Note.*—The above-mentioned fees are payable in respect of licenses granted for the first time. Should the licenses be renewed the fees payable in respect of each renewal except in the cases of muzzle-loading guns shall be half the original fees provided that the application for renewal is made one month before the date on which the license expires).

(7) Yes. There were five cases during the last two years.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to reduce the license fees, seeing that the depression is very high?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): It is only 8 annas for ordinary guns. But the people who are affected by the depression will not go in for revolvers.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Is it 8 annas stamp paper?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, it is only 8 annas for petition.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): What was done with those people who misuse the guns?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I shall give the information. Of these five cases, in one, viz., C. C. 39/13, the licensee of gun No. 2100 ordinary, was charged by the Inspector of Police, Trichur Cusba, for an offence punishable under section 318 C. P. C. for having shot a pig carelessly and the bullet hit a man. 2. C. C. 313/13 of the Kanayannur Magistrate Court the Inspector of Ernakulam

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Cusba charged one Kannampuzha Joseph arkey for an offence under section 18 of the Arms Act for allowing an unauthorised person to use the gun. That case has been pending trial. 3. C. C. 163/12 of the District Magistrate's Court. The accused in this case was charged for an offence under section 15 E. of the Cochin Arms Act for having been armed with a gun for which he had no license in contravention of the provision 9 of the Arms Act. The accused was convicted and sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for one month. 4. C. C. 130/13 the accused was charged by the Inspector, Pazhayannur, under section 15 (e) of the Arms Act for having been armed with a weapon for which he had no license. The accused was found guilty and he was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 25 or in default to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one month. 5. In C. C. 180 the licensee of a gun was charged for an offence punishable under section 18 of the Arms Act for having handed it over to an unauthorised person. He was fined Rs. 15 or in default to undergo simple imprisonment for 2 weeks.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സർ, ബ്രീച്ച് ലോഡിംഗ് പെസ്റ്റോ ളിന്നും റിവോൾവേഴ്സിന്നും ഫാക. വിരവും പിന്നെ വേറെ ബ്രീച്ച് ലോഡിംഗ് വെച്ചന്ന് ഒക. വിരവും കൊടുക്കണമെന്ന പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇതു് എല്ലാ കൊല്ലത്തിലും കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻ നായർ: റിന്യൂ ചെയ്യുകയാണെങ്കിൽ പകതി കൊടുത്താൽ മതി. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ മുഴവനും കൊടുക്കണം.

LOTTERIES—SANCTION FOR.

99. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have given during 1112 and 1113 sanction to any person or institution to conduct lotteries;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the names of persons or institutions for whom such sanction has been given;

(*c*) the conditions under which such sanction has been given?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Sanction has been accorded for one lottery in 1112. There is no sanction for any lottery in 1113.

(*b*) and (*c*) The information is contained in Government Proceedings L. 3. 18934/12, dated 23rd July 1937 appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): On which date is the lottery to be drawn? Have the Government any information with regard to that?

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